

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB761

Hearing Date: January 25, 2008

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Avery)

Title: Create the BRAC Task Force to examine issues relating to the military base realignment and closure process

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Pahls, Rogert
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Friend
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery
Megan Lucas
John Wood

Representing:

Introducer
Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Airport
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 761 creates the BRAC Task Force. Its members will include:

- a. The Adjutant General or his or her designee;

- b. The Presidents of the Lincoln and Bellevue Chambers of Commerce or their designees;
- c. The President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry or his or her designee;
- d. The Commander of the Offutt Air Force Base or his or her designee;
- e. The chair of the board of the Lincoln Airport Authority or his or her designee;
- f. Two at large members appointed by the Governor; and
- g. Two state senators appointed by the Executive Board.

The task force will, among other things, review the history of base realignment and closure process; identify the military installations and missions in Nebraska most vulnerable to and most likely to benefit from, the base realignment and closure process; and to make recommendations as to what actions should be taken to protect the military installations and missions in Nebraska.

The task force, with the assistance of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, will submit a final report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2008.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment makes several changes to the bill.

With the amendment, the Commander of the Offutt Air Force Base is eliminated as a member. The President of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce is added as a member. Also, one of the senators appointed to the Task Force will be the chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

The committee amendment specifies that the Legislative Council will reimburse the task force members for their expenses.

Finally, the sunset date of the Task Force is changed from December 1, 2008 to December 1, 2013. After the report is issued in 2008, the amendment allows the Task Force to meet at the call of the chair until 2013.

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson